lite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

Launching; of third generation Communication Satellite by ISRO

283. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of Indian Space Research Organisation to launch a third generation communication satellite;

(b) the progress made in the process of achieving a full scale indigenous cryogenic engine; and

(c) by when it will be tested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) The third generation INSAT Satellites will be a continuation of the second generation satellites to provide adequate capacity and continuity of services. Under the Indian National Satellite-3 (INSAT-3) programme, five satellites are planned to be built-from Calendar Year 1999 to 2002.

(b) Significant progress has been made in development of cryogenic upper stage. The design of the engine is completed and realisation of the engineering model is under way. The detailed design of the stage is completed. The facilites required to fabricate and test the engine and state are in the advanced stage of readiness. A one tonne class pressure fed cryo engine has been successfully developed, which gives confidence for the realisation of the larger engine.

(c) It is planned to initiate a series of tests on Engine by 1998 and the flight stage is targeted by 1999-2000.

Improvement in civic amenities in Madhy Pradesh, Rajasthan and North cast

284. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the details of various schemes/projects/plans etc. launched/ contemplated by the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment for improving civic amenities like housing, sanitation, etc. in cities of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North-Eastern region, during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): New schemes launched by this Ministry in the last five years relevant to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North East States are as follows:—

(i) Accelerated Uarban Water Supply Programme, launched in 1993-94 to provide Central assistance to State Governments for providing drinking water facilities to towns having population, less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census).

(ii) Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme, launched in November, 1995, to attack the several root causes of urban poverty simultaneously. Besides the objectives of employment generation and skill development, the PMI UPEP also aims at effective achievement of social sector goals, community empowerment convergence through sustainable support systems, environment improvement and shelter upgradation.

2. New schemes presently contemplated are:—

(a) Prime Minister's Awas Yojana for providing Central subsidy for the reconstructioivrepair of houses for the urban poor affected by natural calamities.

(b) Savings linked Housing Scheme with LIC support and HUDCO loan for the urban and rural poor.

Pending finalisation of IXth Plan a token provision of Rs. 50 lakhs for Prime Minister's Awas Yojana and

Rs. 1.00 crore for Savings linked Housing Scheme has been made in this Ministry's budget for these two schemes.

(c) Project proposal for setting up of a new Sattellite township near Shillong was received from Govt, of Meghalaya and the project has been recommended by this Ministry to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for seeking financial assistance from OECF (Japan) during the year 1998-99.

Limited departmental competitive Examination in CPWD

285. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50% of vacancies of Assistant Engineers in C.P.W.D. are filled up through "Limited Departmental Competitive Examination" (L.D.C.E.) from among the Junior Engineers, having minimum four years service;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies at present in the post of Assistant Engineer, both Civil and Electrical, from exam quota;

(c) what are the reasons for not conducting LJB.C.E. after 1992, though a large number of vacancies are existing there; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to fill up all the above said vacancies, by conducting a L.D.C.E. this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The number of vacancies falling to the Quota for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination are 364 of Assistant Engineer (Civil) and 62 of Assistant Engineer (Elect.). A requisition has been sent to the UPSC on 15.7.97 for holding the examination for filling up all these vacancies. The examination has not been con- ducted by the UPSC since 1992 as the Commission had advised amendment of recruitment rules of the post of Assistant Engineer before holding the next cxami-nation. The amendments to recruitment rules have since been finalised and notified on 21.6.97.

Vacancies of Engineers in C.P.W.D..

286. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: V/ill the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present actual strength of regular and adhoc Assistant Engineers, Executive Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Chief Engineers and A.D.Gs. both Civil and Electrical in C.P.W.D.;

(b) the details of the vacancies in each of the above said posts, in Civil and Electrical, separately;

(c) by when C.P.W.D. authorities would fill up all those vacancies and regularise all the adhoc Executive En-gineers$_4$ giving details of the scheme, if any; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to stop adhoc promotions against a long term vacancies in the C.P.W.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The informaltion is given in the statement enclosed (see *below).*

(c) The cases for regular promotion, including regularisation of adhoc promotions are at different stages of processing. No time frame for completion of the process of regularisation can be indicated as it involves other organisations/agcncics like UPSC and A.C.C. in case of posts falling within the purview of the A.C.C. The regularisation of adhoc promotions in the grade of Executive Engineers is proposed to be done by diversion of backlog of unfilled vacancies in the quota of Assistant Executive Engineers, in favour of Assistant Engineers.